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This communication is to inform applicants that the Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) issued by the Office on 22 March 1998 is VACATED for the following reason:

On 21 November 1997, applicants timely filed a response to the Notification of Missing Requirements issued by the Office on 30 October 1997, but the papers were not matched with the application file until after issuance of the Notification of Abandonment. Accordingly, the Notification of Abandonment of 22 March 1998 was issued in error and is hereby VACATED.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of PCT Operations for further processing, including review of the response to the Notification mailed 30 October 1997 that was filed on 21 November 1997.

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